

July 28, 1953

Dear Dr. Bernstein:

as I am about to leave

Your letter of the 25th reached me just now, ~~before I left~~ Madison. I am very pleased to have this word from you, and am looking forward to seeing you here not too long after our return.

One point I should like understood, and which we should find no occasion to belabor in the future. When I first wrote to you, and indicated a minimum stipend, it was my hope and intention already to secure a stipend that would be more commensurate with your special needs (for travel) and qualifications (as M.D.). I could make no definite assurances then, as our budget had not been passed, but you will recall that these intentions were explicitly stated. Unless you had considerable independent means, it would have been foolhardy to have accepted an appointment, which is a compromise calculated at best to satisfy the subsistence needs of our local students. I am sorry if any misunderstanding on this point was the occasion for your concern; the stipend I mentioned in my last letter was coming to you, but I could confirm it only after our budget was fixed, as it is now. I shall be sorry in the future if your present decision hinges on any sense of thanks or obligation, rather than your conclusion as to the best furtherance of your own career and research interest. I hope that nothing more need be said on this subject [unless you have cause to alter your conclusion] on either part.

We shall have a good sized job of work ahead, to arrange your few classroom studies together with considerable research, so I hope your passage will not be delayed unduly. Classes actually begin on September 21, so that if you can make it to Madison within two or three days of this date, you will not be seriously penalized. It would be preferable, of course, if you could manage to get here a week or two previously.

Experience in the U.S. may be very different from what ^{it} is in England: a fair majority of our graduate students are married, and manage to get along even with families on incomes of \$200 - \$300 per month, as you may or may not be interested to learn. ~~But~~ While this information may already be gratuitous, I can offer very little more on such matters as passage, visas & connected restrictions on employment, and so forth.

The most convenient banking establishment is the First National Bank of Madison, Madison 1, Wis. If a deposit to my own account at this bank would be of any assistance to you, do not hesitate to take advantage of it: I simply have no notion how such matters are handled. Dr. Stocker has the reputation of considerable skill on them.

With all best wishes for a pleasant voyage,

Sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg